The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new Centrally-sponsored schme—Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for implementation during Eleventh Plan period to provide for a comprehensive child protection framework for children of the country.

Relaxation of inter-country adoption rules

3498. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering to relax rules governing inter-country adoptions to make it simpler for foreigners to provide a new home to Indian children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that present laws are very complicated and lengthy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The procedure related to adoption of Indian children has been provided under 'Guidelines for Adoption from India—2006'. These guidelines replaced the earlier guidelines in order to bring in more simplicity and transparency. However, these guidelines/provisions are also subject to regular review in order to make them more efficient and child friendly. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 also seeks to provide a child friendly and simple adoption framework.

World Bank Assistance for Anganwadis

3499. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: